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TO AMEMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, CF

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENTS IN CONGO

REF: BRAZZAVILLE 0023

1) DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT CHARGE SHOULD
PROVIDE EVEN AN UNOFFICIAL RECOMMENDATION TO GOCB
REGARDING DESIRABILITY OF ENTERING INTO A REFINERY
DEAL WITH ANY PARTICULAR US FIRM. YOU MAY, HOWEVER,
INFORM GOCB THAT ACCORDING TO STANDARD REFERENCES SUCH
AS OIL AND GAS INTERNATIONAL YEARBOOK, COASTAL STATES
CORP. IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED US COMPANY ENGAGED IN
EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, AND TRANSMISSION
OF GAS AND OIL; PROCESSING AND TRANSPORTATION OF
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NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS, REFINING AND MARKETING OF CRUDES
AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. STANDARD AND POORS INDICATE
THAT FIRM'S TOTAL REVENUES IN 1976 WERE 2.3 BILLION
DOLLARS.

2) FYI: COASTAL STATES HAS FILED A LAWSUIT IN TEXAS
COURT SEEKING TO BLOCK RULING BY TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION

ORDERING FIRM AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES TO MAKE REFUNDS OF OVER
1.2 BILLION DOLLARS TO NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS. EMBASSY
SHOULD NOT

SPECULATE ON OUTCOME OF CASE OR ANY POSSIBLE EFFECT
ON COASTAL STATES' BUSINESS. IN FUTURE GOCB SHOULD
BE URGED TO USE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL TELEGRAPHIC
FACILITIES AS THESE ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM. OUR
EXTENDING COURTESY OF USING DEPARTMENT FACILITIES
MIGHT GIVE APPEARANCE THAT USG RECOMMENDS ONE US
COMPANY OVER ANOTHER. END FYI.

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